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SOUTH CAROLINA CROP PRODUCTION PROSPECTS MIXED

Based on August 1 conditions, South Carolina's 2011 yield was up from a year ago for soybeans and winter wheat while corn, cotton, peanuts, and tobacco yields were down from last year, according to the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office.

CORN production in 2011 is expected to total 20.4 million bushels, down 33 percent from last year. Expected yield per acre is estimated at 60 bushels. This is down 31 bushels from last year. Acreage for harvest as grain, at 340,000, is up 5,000 from 2010.

SOYBEAN production in 2011 is expected to total 9.4 million bushels, down 11 percent from last year. Expected yield per acre of 24 bushels is up 1 bushel from a year ago. Acreage for harvest, at 390,000, is down 65,000 acres from 2010.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO production as of August 1, is forecast at 24.7 million pounds. This is down 32 percent from last year's production, but unchanged from last month. Yield per acre of 1,700 pounds is unchanged from the July forecast, but down 550 pounds from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 14,500, is down 1,500 acres from 2010.

COTTON production is forecast at 440,000 bales, up 17 percent from last year. The August 1 yield per acre is expected to average 788 pounds, down 110 pounds from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 268,000, is up 67,000 acres from 2010.

PEANUT production is forecast at 191.4 million pounds, down 12 percent from last year's production. Yield per acre, at 2,900 pounds, is down 500 pounds from 2010. Acreage for harvest, at 66,000 is up 2,000 acres from 2010.

WHEAT production is forecast at 11.2 million bushels – up 140 percent from last year. The acreage harvested for grain, at 190,000, is 60,000 acres above a year ago. The August 1 yield of 59 bushels per acre is the same as the July 1 forecast but 23 bushels above the 2010 yield.

PEACH production is expected to total 90 thousand tons, unchanged from the July 1 forecast but 18 percent below last year. Peach growers expect a smaller crop than last year. Hail damage coupled with little to no rainfall tempered expectations for this year's crop.

UNITED STATES 2011 PRODUCTION AND PERCENT OF PREVIOUS YEAR

Corn	12.9	Bil. Bu	104%	Sorghum	240.6	Mil. Bu.	70%
Soybeans	3.06	Bil. Bu.	92%	Peanuts	3.61	Bil. Lbs.	87%
Tobacco, F.C.	465.3	Mil. Lbs.	103%	Hay(Other)	67.0	Mil. Tons	86%
Cotton, Upland	15.8	Mil. Bales	90%	Oats	57.5	Mil. Bu.	71%
Winter Wheat	1.50	Bil. Bu.	101 %	Peaches	1.13	Mil. Tons	98%